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REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement Office Action of June 29, 2006 identified five allegedly distinct inventions which required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. Particularly, the following five groups were identified as being directed to two distinct inventions: Group I comprising claims 1-29, 41, and 46; Group II comprising claims 30-38, 42 and 44; Group III comprising claim 39; Group IV comprising claims 40, 43, and 47-51; and Group V comprising claim 45.

The Applicant accordingly elects, without traverse, claims 1-29, 41, and 46 of Group I for examination in the present application. The remaining claims have therefore been cancelled without prejudice, however Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for unelected Groups II - V at a later date.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

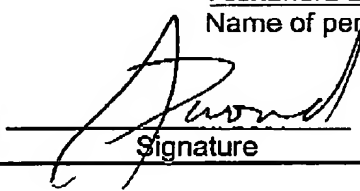


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